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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: HAFEZ ISMAIL VISIT TO PARIS

REF: PARIS 13632

SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR HAFEZ ISMAIL, DURING VISIT TO PARIS, REVIEWED WITH FRENCH CURRENT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS FOR UNSC DEBATE. IN ADDITION TO REITERATING STANDARD EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENT FOR TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, HE INDICATED GOE SEEKING RE-AFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION 242 IN CONTEXT OF JARRING MEMORANDUM AND GA RESOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS REPORTED REFTEL, HAFEZ ISMAIL ALSO MET  
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WITH QUAI SECRETARY OF STATE DE LIPKOWSKI AND WITH JOURNALISTS

FROM FRANCO- ARAB PRESS ASSOCIATION. FOLLOWING MEETING  
AT QUAI, ISMAIL TOLD AFP AFTER HIS CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS:  
" I KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON FRANCE."

2. RESPONDING TO PRESS ASSOCIATION QUESTIONS, ISMAIL STATED  
THAT EGYPTIAN POSITION ON SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WAS  
BASED ON THE FOLLOWING: WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL FROM ALL OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES IS A PRECONDITION FOR ANY TALKS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF PEACE. EGYPT, HE SAID, HAD ONLY ACCEPTED THE ROGERS'  
PLAN ON THE " EXPRESSED CONDITION" THAT SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS  
WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH OTHER ARAB STATES WHOSE TERRITORIES  
WERE OCCUPIED. EGYPT CONSIDERED THAT A MIDDLE EAST  
SETTLEMENT COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE UNDER UN AUSPICES AND IN  
CONTEXT OF RESOLUTION 242. IN PRESENT SITUATION HE DOUBTED  
THAT RENEWAL OF FOUR POWER TALKS COULD LEAD TO SETTLEMENT. HE  
INSISTED THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO PUT AN END TO THE " INTOLERABLE  
POLICY" OF FAITS ACCOMPLI WHICH IN MODIFYING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS ALSO PUTTING  
PRESSURE ON THE ARABS.

3. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO ELATIVELY INTRANSIGENT POSITION  
EXPRESSED PUBLICLY, ISMAIL IN PRIVATE WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS  
WAS SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE. ACCORDING TOQUAI DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ROUILLON, ISMAIL MADE EXTREMELY  
FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF EGYPTIAN POSITION STRESSING CONCENSSIONS  
WHICH EGYPT HAD ALREADY MADE, I. E. WILLINGNESS TO SIGN PEACE  
TREATY WITH ISRAEL, AND AGREEMENT TO STEP- BY- STEP APPROACH.  
ISMAIL INDICATED EGYPT PREPARED FOR FAIRLY LENGTHY PERIOD  
BETWEEN FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT STEPS, BUT REQUIRED ASSURANCE  
THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD REGAIN SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES. IT WAS WILLING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ISRAELI SECURITY  
REQUIREMENS, BUT ALWAYS IN CONTEXT OF EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

4. EMBOFF ASKED ROUILLON WHETHER ISMAIL HAD GIVEN FRENCH  
DETAILS OF POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE AT UN REFERRED TO FOLLOWING  
MAY 16 MEETING WITH POMPIDOU. ROUILLON SAID ISMAIL HAD  
BROUGHT NO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AND DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY  
CONCERNED ABOUT CREATION OF NEW MECHANISM OR MODALITY.  
ISMAIL HAD TOLD FRENCH THAT SC MEETING WAS NOT IN EGYPTIAN  
VIEW " A WAY OUT" OF IMPASSE, BUT RATHER, A MEANS OF  
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CLARIFYING POSITION OF MAJOR POWERS, PARTICULARLY US AND  
USSR. EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY HAVE IN MIND REAFFIRMATION OF  
RESOLUTION 242 IN CONTEXT OFJARRING MEMORANDUM AND GA  
RESOLUTIONS. ISMAIL APPARENTLY NOTED THAT USG HAD ORIGINLLY  
BEEN FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO JARRING MEMORANDUM AND EGYPTIANS  
SOUGHT REAFFIRMATION OF 1971 USG POSITION.

5. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT MODIFICATION OF RESOUTION 242 ALONG  
LINES SUGGESTED WOULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR USG SINCE IT

WOULD TEND DESTROY ONLY BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT ON WHICH ALL PARTIES  
NOW IN ACCORD. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED USG OPPOSITION TO REACTIVATION  
OF FOUR POWER TALKS OR CREATION SC COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.  
ROUILLON REITERATED THAT ISMAIL PREPARED TO WAIT ON NEW  
MECHANISMS AS LONG AS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOOK COGNIZANCE OF  
NED TO MOVE MORE RAPIDLY TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING  
RESOLUTIONS. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR  
FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH  
DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE OF SC MEETING.  
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